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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 6, 2006, and includes the following:

1. Introductory Comments beginning on page 2 of this paper;
2. Claim Amendments beginning on page 3 of this paper; and
3. Remarks beginning on page 7.

Also enclosed are the following documents:

1. Request for Two-Month Extension of Time;
2. Credit Card Payment Form for extension of time and terminal disclaimer fees;
3. Terminal Disclaimer over pending applications; and
4. Terminal Disclaimer over patents.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is fully responsive to the Office Action set forth above. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 28-43. Claims 28-43 are currently pending.

By this Amendment and Response, the Applicant hereby submits terminal disclaimers to obviate rejections on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. Additionally, Claims 28, 35, and 36 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 28-43 in view of these terminal disclaimers, the claim amendments, and the accompanying Remarks is respectfully requested.